(ii) that the delivery is undertain for want of sufficient staff.

(iii) a delivery post office at Baramasia be opened.

(c) Some of the signatories to the petition were contacted by an official of the Post Office on 12-7-88. Though the number of deliveries was reduced from 3 to 2, in accordance with the policy of the Department, there was no irregular delivery or non-delivery of mails. A Delivery Post Office in this locality is not justified.

Functioning of Telephone System in West Bengal

1420. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints about manufacturing of the ten group dialing telephone systems in West Bengal coalfields were received by Government;

(b) if so, whether it is contemplated to replace the old, obsolete telephone exchanges by electronic ones by any specified time;

(c) whether it is a fact that electronic exchange installed at Barabazar, Calcutta has increased the telephone revenue from that exchange by ten fold from Rs. 12 lakn to Rs. 1.20 crore; and

(d) whether Government propose to advance the programme of electronic exchange in West Bengal coalfields by importing equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Department has a plan to replace the telephone exchanges in Asansol coal belt areas by electronic ones. This includes Asansol, Burnpur, Raniganj, Barakar Neamatpur, Banula, Jamuria, Andal and Rupnarayanpur.

These exchanges are proposed to be replaced for which allotment has already been made and equipment is likely to be supplied during 1989-90.

(c) Yes Sir. There is substantial improvement in the revenue of the Bara Bazar exchanges though increase is not ten fold.

(d) No, Sir. There is no proposal to advance the programme of replacing the exchange with electronic ones by importing equipments. However, the exchange equipment will be of indigenous type supplied by M/s. Indian Telephone Industries.

Electronic Telephone Exchange in Raniganj-Asansol Area

1421. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the conversion of Raniganj-Asansol area telephone exchange into electronic automatic exchange; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to implement the scheme and what progress has so far been achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) An allotment of 11,000 lines of local E.10B Electronic Telephone Exchange has been made for Asansol-Raniganj Coal Belt area. It is proposed in this project to replace the existing strowger exchanges by electronic exchanges.

(b) Detailed plans are under preparation for implementing this scheme.

मध्य प्रदेश में बस्तर जिले के लिए सिंचाई/विद्युत परियोजना को स्वीकृति

1422. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी बाहुल्य वाले बस्तर जिले के लिए कोई